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Pow-Wow Time!



The Pottawatomie Intertribal Pow-Wow Club's 12th annual Pow-Wow will be held this year June 14, 15 and 16 at the Potawatomi Pow-Wow Grounds across from the tribal complex. Gourd dancing starts at 2 p.m. daily followed by social dancing and war dancing. Prize money will be given in all categories. These pictures are from last year's Intertribal Pow-Wow.



New Constitution Receives Approval

Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal members approved a new constitution by a vote of 1568 to 358 in a referendum held Wednesday, May 29.

The vote on the revised constitution was conducted for the Secretary of the Interior by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in accordance with Article XI of the tribal constitution and Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

All adult tribal members were mailed notices and voter registration forms at their current addresses. All voting was by absentee ballot, with ballots mailed to those who had registered. The votes were counted Wednesday by committee members Ed Herndon, Nicki Peltier and Jerry Fox. Tribal rolls director Opal Coachman assisted.

The revised constitution includes provisions for absentee voting, establishment of a tribal court and expanded powers for the business committee. Until approval of the new constitution, the tribe was the only one in the Shawnee agency which did not have absentee voting in tribal elections.

The annual tribal elections are set for June 29.

Tribal Election Attracts Full Slate Of Candidates

Filing for tribal offices up for election June 29 closed at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 30, with the following people filing for offices to be filled:

- CHAIRMAN: John "Rocky" Barrett, Robert Leon Bruno and John Schoemann.
- COUNCIL POSITION NO. 1: Thelma Wano Bateman, Dr. Francis Levier and Max Wano.
- COUNCIL POSITION NO. 2: Bob Davis, Steven Skinner and Richard Whitecotton.
- GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE POSITION NO. 1: Wesley Flynn and C.B. Hitt.
- GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE POSITION NO. 2: Beverly Hughes.
- GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE POSITION NO. 3: Steven C. Bruno, Luther Wallace Dean and Dennis Duvall.

Advertisements for these candidates are in this issue of the **How Ni Kan**, as provided for by tribal election law.

CLIP AND MAIL!

Tribal Members Request For Absentee Ballot

All members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe age 18 on or before June 29, 1985, may now vote in election and Council issues. PLEASE VOTE! The last day to mail your request for ballot is June 14, 1985, although you are encouraged to mail your request NOW. Information on candidates will be published in the **HowNiKan**. You may attend the Council and vote in person if you wish, but please vote. The election will be held June 29, 1985.

Name: _____
Street: _____
City/Town/Zip: _____
Roll Number: _____

Mail To: Election Commission

Potawatomi Tribe of Ok., P.O. Box 3849
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Letters:

A Letter To Voters

The referendum election for the proposed revised constitution of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma was approved on May 29, 1985. The election results of 1568 yes votes and 358 no votes was posted at 5:00 p.m. by Edward W. Herndon, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Shawnee Agency.

Due to the passage of the referendum election, absentee voting will now be conducted in compliance with Section 601 of the Election and Voting Ordinance of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

Voters eligible to vote in this election must have reached the age of 18 on or before June 29, 1985.

If you prefer not to vote by absentee, voting will be held at the council meeting on June 29, 1985 from 7:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the Tribal Complex in the Longroom.

Election Committee

And On Other Subjects

Dear Sir:

I am sending a donation of \$25.00 for the How-Ni-Kan. It helps keep me up on tribal events.

My mother was Florence Bessie Willment. Her father was Frank L. Wellment and his father was Joseph Wellmet. I would be happy to correspond with any of the Willmet descendants. My address is Box 875, Chouteau, Okla. 74337.

Yours truly,
Alta Mae Sinor

Mr. Holder, Tribal Adm.

Mr. Jerry Fox, HIP Program

Mr. Ken Etchieson, HIP Program
Gentlemen:

I'm happy and pleased with the improvements you made on my home.

I felt it my duty to let you know what a good professional job each worker did.

I do want to praise Bill and Jim Shirey. They worked continuously from start to quitting time. They did a first class job on the work they did on my home.

Thank you much,
Roy E. Gregson

Attention Tribal Members

The Business Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe would like to announce that there will be a burial policy available to tribal members. Guidelines will be published in the next edition of the How Ni Kan.



How Ni Kan is a publication of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma. The offices are located at 1900 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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Business Committee Members

Robert "Leon" Bruno, Chairman
Doyle Owens, Vice-President
Kenneth Peltier, Sec./Treas.
Richard Whitecotton
Max Wano
Business Manager
Stanley Richard Holder

Briefs:

Clifford To Be In L.A.

Wanita Clifford, former tribal chairman, plans to be in the Los Angeles area for the purpose of informing Citizens Band Potawatomi tribal members, who are interested in becoming more knowledgeable of tribal issues and benefits. Mrs. Clifford would like to see the tribal members organize in the Los Angeles area and have a representative come to General Council on the last Saturday of June each year to voice your tribal rights.

Contact Mrs. Clifford at 818-954-9127, the 14, 15, & 16 of June.

Barrett Offers Data

John "Rocky" Barrett, former Vice Chairman, Councilman and Tribal Administrator invites all Citizen Band Potawatomi in the Los Angeles area to call him at 405-273-4739 on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of June for information about the new tribal constitution and its benefits. This service will present an "equal voice" to those who opposed the new constitution and the absentee ballot.

Leon Bruno Asks New Term As Chairman

Dear Tribal Member:

This past year that you have given me the privilege of serving you as your Chairman has been some kind of an experience for me. At times things got pretty rough and rocky but I with the help of God and the cooperation of the rest of the committee members came through it in what I think of as good shape.

There have been a lot of changes made here at the tribal complex in the past 2 years. I think they've all been for the betterment of the tribe.

We have put your interest first and I am sure most tribal members can see that. There is still a lot of unfinished business that I would like to see completed before I leave this chair.

I would appreciate your support in the coming election and I also ask you to further support me by voting for councilmen Max Wano and Richard Whitecotton for they are as concerned as I am about the *tribe* and this *tribal complex* and the *people who work in it*.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed serving in this capacity for you. If you agree the things we've done in the past two years have been good for the tribe, then I would appreciate your support in the election.

I will feel honored to serve as Chairman for the next two years.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Robert Leon Bruno

Regardless of how you vote, please exercise your right to vote by using your absentee vote this year.

Richard Whitecotton Asks Your Support For Re-Election

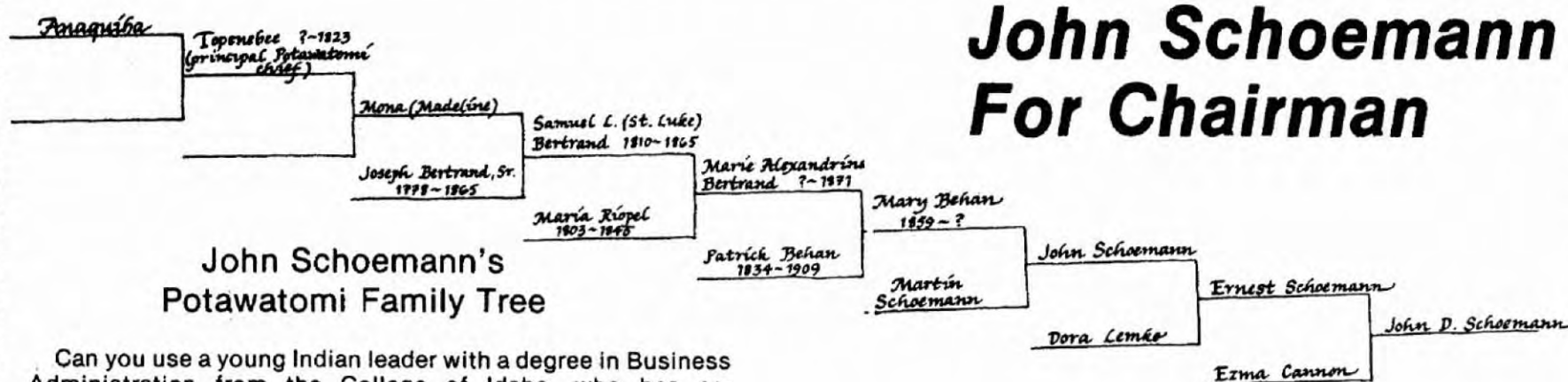
Dear Tribal Members,

I, Richard Whitecotton need your support for re-election on June 29th. I have been on your business committee only 9 months. In this short time I have seen many accomplishments for the future of our tribe unfold. There are so many things although that are yet to be done. The tribe needs to break away from government funding and become self-supportive. The major problem that Indian tribes have is that their governing bodies change too often. The incumbents, Leon Bruno, Max Wano, and myself need to stay in office at this crucial period of time because of our knowledge of the overall operation. The tribe cannot afford at this time to educate new committee members because there would be a tremendous loss of valuable time.

Honesty and hard work is all I have to offer. I will make the best decisions I can for the tribe's future, helping to shape this into a government that will benefit all tribal members near the tribal grounds or far away.

Sincerely,
Richard Whitecotton
Councilman No. 2

John Schoemann For Chairman



John Schoemann's Potawatomi Family Tree

Can you use a young Indian leader with a degree in Business Administration from the College of Idaho, who has accomplished outstanding economic projects for the Potawatomi Tribe?

Some of my accomplishments in five short years as your tribal administrator are:

1. Increased assets from \$348,000 to over \$3,000,000.00.
2. Planned and built Fire Lodge, a beautiful rock building, that houses the Senior Citizen Lunch program I set up.
3. Responsible for building the 18-hole Fire Lake Golf Course over a period of four years with funding of 1.6 million dollars, with **no cost** to the tribe.
4. Established the CETA program with annual funding of 1.2 million dollars. Many of you were a part of this program that supplied jobs for the unemployed.
5. Instigated and initiated the WIC Program which helped many Indian women, infants and children in four counties. This program went from \$100,000 in 1979 to \$387,000. Several of you took and are taking advantage of this program.
6. In 1982 a swap-meet was established which had an annual income of \$25,000 which aided tribal members in job opportunities.
7. Established a Smoke Shop which had an annual income netting \$92,000 in 1982.
8. Bingo Hall was constructed and organized; it yielded a yearly net income of over \$175,000.

Honors were bestowed on the Potawatomi Tribe while I was tribal administrator —

1. The Oklahoma Parks & Recreation Department granted the tribe \$50,000; they were the first tribe to ever receive such a grant.
2. The Potawatomis were one of 12 tribes selected from 200 tribes nationwide to compete in yearly accountability in President Reagan's Block Grant program.

As a Potawatomi tribal member you should evaluate the functions and performance of your business leaders and administrators. Because you as well as I want the best qualified person in control of the above assets. As I noted my accomplishments above, they are all visible results of my endeavors as your leader for five years.

But let's examine the performance and functions of the administrators and chairmen for the past nineteen months.

1. The tribe had cash amounting to \$100,000 when they took office. Now what do they have?
2. Let us note that "Good intentions don't feed the bulldog." Good intentions will not make the tribe successful. It takes action and funds.
3. "Bingo" funds have decreased immensely.
4. As a tribal member let's evaluate what's happening objectively. Recognize the way things are rather than what you prefer them to be.

What are the goals of this administration? There seems to be none. As you are aware, a leader without some goals is like a ship without rudders. Each will drift and not drive. We can't afford to drift and regress. We must drive ahead for our future Indian.

What are my goals for the Potawatomi Tribe?

1. First of all let's make the tribe self-sufficient because there will be no more per capita money available.
2. Revise the constitution to include Potawatomi Indian children with proof of descent, instead of the 1/8 degree of blood factor, since we have over \$100,000,000 in the scholarship program not being utilized because of the lack of roll members qualified to participate. This money is designated for scholarship funding.
3. My goals are specific goals high enough to force tribal members into action, and with a pattern of self-discipline, they are attainable.

John Schoemann Candidate For Chairman



4. My philosophy is to face problems frankly and honestly. One should go through proper channels to solve them; however, I was denied this privilege.
5. My conviction is that the youth of America, that includes the Indian youth, are the greatest natural resource we have. Restoration of their desire to work and to help create jobs for them which will enhance their feeling of worth and dignity. Thereby, utilizing their talents they can be successful in life.

My name is **John Schoemann**. I am proud of my Indian heritage, and I want to again lead you in accomplishing great things for the tribe. I have the following skills to accomplish the task. Things already accomplished in my five years cannot be undone. The skills I possess are necessary skills for any leader or manager:

1. Capable — because I possess the knowledge of business administration to accomplish the job through my education and experiences.
2. When the situation warrants, to get rid of stinking-thinking, I have the tough ability it requires to see that exacting requirements and functions of persons are fulfilled.
3. I possess the communication skills, both verbal and written, to function successfully.
4. Another skill I maintain is flexibility. Tradition and emotion are important aspects of the way things are done. However, sometimes tradition can be a lazy man's way of saying I'm not interested enough to create a new idea. Also, the way it was done once, is not always the best way to do it again. We need flexibility to succeed.
5. I am accountable for my actions. I am reliable in fulfillment of my promises to the best of my ability.
6. My enthusiasm for the job has not been wavered.
7. When I have misfortunes and mistakes are made, I do not hold grudges. I can recover rapidly and have rapport with my constituents.

I have dedicated my education and training to develop my talents and skills to the needs of the Indian people I adhere to the basic principles of honesty and integrity to accomplish my goals. However, no one achieves greatness with his own two hands; I depend on others for assistance. I would like to inspire and direct the Potawatomi tribe to use the facilities and resources available to us and to envision greater things. For where there is no vision, the people perish.

Can you use me, John Schoemann, a young Indian leader who has prepared and made himself available to you to carry out plans you envision? I am available.

The decision is yours!

Thank you,
John Schoemann

Election 1985 —

**You've Got The
And We've Got 1**

The Platform

We feel the newly adopted Tribal Constitution is a clear mandate from the entire Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe that all members, no matter where they live, want and deserve an equal voice in Tribal affairs. Since all General Council matters may now be put to a referendum vote of all out eligible voters, it is important that each region of the country with a large Potawatomi population be organized and kept informed of important issues facing the Tribe. We propose the formation of regional groups in heavily populated Potawatomi areas such as Texas, Kansas, California, and Northeast Oklahoma. These groups could hold regular meetings with elected Tribal officials to voice their concerns and participate in the government process. The only way that our Tribe can deliver services to areas outside the old reservation boundaries is to organize.

Very important decisions will be made over the next few months — decisions that will affect all of us and should be made by all of us. We must decide which of the following proposals are important to us and we must decide what we can afford:

- * An annual per capita payment to all adult members of the Tribe from the surplus earnings of Tribal enterprises;

- * Supplemental health insurance to assist Tribal members facing extra health care costs under Medicare/Medicaid;

- * Term life insurance for family assistance or burial costs;

- * Job placement services in areas of the country with large Citizen Band Potawatomi populations;

- * College or vocational education placement and scholarship assistance in addition to the existing Tribal program;

- * Revolving credit plan to form a "Tribal Credit Union" under the provisions of the Federal Indian Credit Fund;

- * A Tribal genealogy study and data bank to assist Tribal members in research.

It is most important for you to remember that our Tribe has over \$5 million in your claims money invested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and administers over \$2 million a year in government and Tribal programs. With our new Constitution ALL our members may vote on how the claims money is spent, not just the local few. Please vote for a Business Committee with the experience and education to protect YOUR interests.

Please vote for the Chairman candidate most instrumental in the passage of the new Constitution and your right to vote by absentee ballot — John "Rocky" Barrett. Please vote for the Councilmen candidates with the most experience and education in government programs and business — Bob F. Davis and Dr. Francis Levier. Please vote for the Grievance Committee Candidates with a history of sound judgement and fairness — Beverly Hughes, C.B. Hitt and Dennis Duvall.

Please vote for a Potawatomi future and preservation of the Potawatomi past.

The Candidat



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Family: Son of St. Louis/Sacred Shawnee Indian of Isabel Hamlet Jary Carol King 15, and Ashley

Roots: Born in the Old Indian

Education: Southeastern

Experience: managed three businesses for Jewelry and M

Interests: Cu

We believe we have put together the most effective and experienced candidates ever to run together on a Tribal election ticket in Tribal history. We hope you agree — and we hope you vote.

Ticket Candidates

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The Grievance Committee of the Potawatomi Tribe was established very important and powerful function watchdog over the elected officials

The Committee, composed of Tribal members, is charged with the of investigating allegations of misconduct in office by elected Tribal members. Under the new Constitution, the Grievance Committee acts as an investigatory body which may, after establishing probable cause to believe an act of misconduct has occurred, bring a civil action against a suspected official — an act that could be in a recall election. It is therefore of importance to you, the Tribal Court

e Ticket!



DR. FRANCIS LEVIER
Candidate For Councilman No. 1
Age: 35

Family: Son of Joseph Paul Levier; grandson of Martha Battese.

Roots: Born and raised in Kansas; lived for awhile on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

Education: Attended elementary school at Marty Mission on South Dakota Sioux Reservation; received a Bachelor's Degree in secondary education and social science with a concentration in anthropology from Hofstra University; received a Master's Degree in education and administration from the University of Kansas (attended on a Ford Foundation Fellowship); received a Doctorate Degree in administration from the University of Kansas.

Experience: Has served as Citizen Band Potawatomi Museum and Cultural Reclamation Director; Citizen Band Programs and Grant Management Director; Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Programs Director; Executive Director of PERT, Inc. (Proposals, Evaluation, Research and Training, Inc.); Executive Director of the Region VI Indian Alcoholism Training Program; Assistant Director of Minority Affairs for the University of Kansas; Instructor at the School of Social Welfare at the University of Kansas; Member of the Board of Regents of Haskell Indian Junior College; Assistant Director of the Topeka Indian Center; Consultant and Instructor at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary; Executive Director of the National Indian Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Interests: History and government, church, traditional culture and crafts, genealogy.



JOHN "ROCKY" BARRETT

Candidate For Chairman
Age: 41

Family: Son of John A. Barrett and Annetta May Peltier; grandson of Ozetta Bourassa Peltier and Oliver Peltier — who worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and served as BIA policeman in Shawnee in the 1930's; father of two sons — Josh, 19, and Jack, 15.

Roots: Born and raised in Shawnee, Ok.

Education: Attended Shawnee schools, Princeton University, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University; received a Bachelor's Degree in business with concentrations in marketing and management from O.C.U.; currently completing requirements for Master's Degree in business administration.

Experience: Over five years of direct experience in operating government contracts both as Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Administrator and as Director of Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area — an intertribal group composed of the five tribes in the Shawnee area offering vocational training (duties included all phases of contract management, hiring, budgeting and planning for a company that eventually hired over 125 people, handled over \$2½ million in volume and was rated the top Indian Action Team program in the nation); served as Vice Chairman of the Citizen Band Tribe; Served as Committeeman of the Citizen Band Tribe; worked seven years as an independent businessman operating both a residential and light commercial construction business and a ceramic tile and flooring contracting business; held positions with Barrett Drilling Company — a family oil well drilling business, United States Plywood Corp. and Worthington Vertical Pump Corp.; served as construction superintendent on the first HUD planned unit development in Shawnee; formed the first tribal owned general contracting company in the area.

Interests: Tribal history and culture, family, fishing and sports.



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Councilman No. 2
Age: 45

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honest and sincere Tribal members be elected to this position.

For the first time in Tribal election history a political "ticket" has been formed, composed of people who believe that integrity, education and experience are the keys to a prosperous and progressive future for the Tribe. In keeping with this philosophy, John Barrett, Bob Davis and Dr. Francis Levier have joined forces on their ticket with Grievance Committee candidates Dennis Duvall, Beverly Hughes and C.B. Hitt.

Many, many Tribal members have corresponded over the years with Bev Hughes and found her to be most honest, helpful and compassionate. Mrs. Hughes served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Tribe for seven years and was instrumental in assisting many people attempting to do historical or

genealogical research long distance. Mrs. Hughes is also the original editor of the HowNiKan and is the designer of the Tribal seal. She has been an active and concerned Tribal member and is an incumbent candidate for the Grievance Committee.

Dennis Duvall is a Shawnee resident and independent businessman. His candidacy represents his first official involvement in Tribal affairs but his reputation for honesty and professionalism has garnered him the support of the other candidates on this ticket.

C.B. Hitt is also known to many Tribal members. A Shawnee businessman and former Business Committee member, Mr. Hitt is very involved and concerned with Tribal affairs. His dedication to the reclamation of Potawatomi culture and history is well known as is his honest and open attitude.

Agency Reports:

Child Welfare Program Has 20 Applicants

Program activities for the month of April and May, 1985:

The Indian Child Welfare Program has on file 20 applicants for eligible adoptive parents. The program has need for foster care parents, the children who are needing this care are: court related cases, temporary care, emergency care, a parent who is experiencing difficulties in her/his life and who will eventually have child returned by establishing a stable lifestyle.

Seventeen (17) referrals received, this consist of information to which the applicant can benefit such as: emergency housing, employment, legal aid, emergency food assistance, information on foster care/adoption, transportation, tribal enrollment, foster care/adoption laws of ICW Act.

Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Child Welfare Coordinator services include: prevention of the breakup of families, links families to resources to maintain children in home, counsels abuses and/or neglect prone parents, clarifies cultural values that impact on child welfare cases, helps obtain legal representation for children/parents in court

proceedings, interprets Federal, Tribal and State Child Welfare laws, monitors foster care placement, works with tribes and Indian organization regarding child welfare matter, assist parents to carry court ordered obligations.

Nutrition Workers Do Outstanding Job

For the month of April the Community Nutrition workers had a busy month and have done a superb job. WIC (Women, Infant, Children) participation increased from 1159 in March to 1213 for the month of April. At this time the participation caseload will be level to approximately 1217 a month. Slots for participation are still open. For information about the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe WIC Program please contact the following locations:
Shawnee Main Office---(405) 275-3121 ext. 234, Monday thru Thursday--8:00 am/5 pm, First week of each month Monday thru Friday, Jackie Warledo--CNW.
Sac-Fox Tribal Clinic---968-3526, Mondays--9:00 am/12:00 pm.
Iowa Tribal Clinic---547-2455, Tuesdays--1:00 pm/4:00 pm.
Kickapoo Tribal Complex--964-2075, Wednesdays--10:00 am/3:00 pm.
Emily Gustafson--CNW of all the

above WIC Clinics. First week of each month she is there at each of the clinics all day--9:00 am/4:00 pm.

Wewoka Indian Health Clinic---257-6281, Monday thru Wednesday--8:00 am/5:00 pm. First week of each month Monday thru Friday, Geraldine Harjo--CNW.

Native American Center--2900 S. Harver--232-2512, Monday thru Wednesday--8:00 am/5:00 pm, Laura Vergan--who is our new Community Nutrition Worker at the OKC Office, we want to welcome her aboard.

All the Community Nutrition workers attended a workshop hosted by the Cherokee Nation WIC Program, on May 1, 2, & 3rd, in Talequah, Ok. The workshop was very informative concerning Nutritional education and Assessment techniques that can be applied to participants. Topics concerning Certification of Participants and Rules & Regulations of the WIC Programs were discussed at length. During the first day, our WIC Nutritionist - Dietitian, Joanne Samaris gave a presentation on Nutritional needs. "Good job, well done!", Joanne". Various tribal WIC programs attended the workshop, Choctaw Nation, Chickasaw

Nation, Wichita, Caddo & Delaware.

For the month of July a Public Hearing will be conducted to enable the general public an opportunity to participate in the development of the WIC State Plan of Administration & Operations for the Fiscal Year '85. Time, date and place will be announced in the June issue.

Home Improvement Inventory Complete

The HIP Inventory completed thus far was turned in on May 9, 1985. The remainder of the inventory shall be completed by September 30, 1985.

A total of 191 families inventoried with 121 families in HUD housing, 51 families needing housing, 19 families living in their own home -- 10 families at the 19 are substandard.

Of the 15 HIP applications we now have in our Home Improvement Program, three homes were completed this week. They were home number 8, home number 13 and home number 9.

Homes under construction at this time are homes 3, 4, 14, 15, and 11. All the above mentioned homes will be completed within the next 10 days. Total expenditures to date on three homes - \$8,505.00.

Wesley Flynn

For
Grievance Committee

I encourage you to consider me for the Grievance Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. My name is **Wesley Flynn**. I have lived in the Shawnee area with my wife, Linda and our two sons, Gary (6) and Bobby (2) for two years working at the Shawnee News Star. I have been involved in Indian Affairs since High School when I worked as Summer Youth Coordinator.

During my two years of Junior College, I worked at an Indian College. I worked at an Indian Community Center in Santa Barbara, California. There I assisted the Director in proposal writing to fund the Center's newsletter which I also assisted in developing and later wrote and edited myself.

What is more important to me is I am a Potawatomi and willing to support my Tribe. I believe in sovereignty for our Tribe and the right to self-sufficiency. I feel I would be effective on the Grievance Committee Member No. 1.

Vote For Wesley Flynn

Luther Wallace Dean Promises Impartiality On Grievance Committee

Luther Wallace Dean — age 64, announces his candidacy for a position on the Grievance Committee Position 3. Roll No. 2156.

Mr. Dean resides in Spencer, Oklahoma and retired from Tinker AFB Civil Service after 27 years service as a Jet Engine Technician which required extensive traveling and meeting with corporate managers of companies such as G.E., Allison Division of GMC, Air Force Commands, etc. Mr. Dean is experienced in all types of contract negotiations.

In 1965, Mr. Dean owned and operated his own heating and air conditioning business until 1975. The business was disposed of after Mr. Dean was called into the ministry. Mr. Dean has pastored churches for the past ten years; therefore, he should be capable of impartiality and consider facts presented at any grievance investigation.

Serious and impartial consideration to all complaints is promised if elected to this committee.

Vote For Luther Wallace Dean

Agency Reports:

Food Distribution In New Building

Recent developments in the Citizen Band Potawatomi Food Distribution Program have been:

During the past two months we have moved into the new building and are currently operating our administrative and certification offices there.

On March 22, 1985, we testified before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations, and Nutrition, at a field hearing held in Oklahoma City. We were selected to testify on behalf of all the Indian Food Distribution Programs in Oklahoma.

For the past twelve months the total amount of people served by our program has been 28,642. From May 1984 through April 1985, the average was 2,387 participants monthly. For the month of May 1985, there were 2,414 people served. The total number of households served during the period of twelve months from May 1984, through April 1985, was 7,655, an average monthly household total of 638. The total approximate volume of food for this 12 month period is 2,417,758 pounds of food, or 1,209

tons of food, for an average of 100 tons of food per month.

Tax Commission: How It Is Funded

By George D. Carter
Director, Potawatomi
Tax Commission

Last month we discussed the need for and the creation of the Potawatomi Tax Commission. This month, let's talk about the financial side of the Commission.

First, the Commission office does not use Tax Revenues for tribal funds. Instead, the office is supported totally through a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) in Washington, D.C. This grant pays for all costs of the Commission office and will be reapplied for this June. The grant is, like all other federal funding, on an annual basis and must be competitive for each year.

The Tax Commission itself utilizes tax revenues for its expenses and the Potawatomi Business Committee regulates this on an appropriate basis.

In the next few years, ANA funding will decrease and tax revenue support of the Tax Commission, and its office, should take its place. This will be done in gradual steps since the total budget of the Tax Commission is

approaching \$120,000.00 per year. The ANA portion is \$112,000.00.

**NEXT MONTH: The Tax
Structure And Its Revenues.**

Health Services Contacts Listed

With the intention of keeping the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal members informed, we are providing the following information on client contacts:

(a) WIC (Women, Infant, Children) medical certification and Well Child Clinic: 160

(b) Health Screening and Education in the Community setting: 151

(c) Health Education and Screening in the home: 75

The above numbers represent 70% (386) of our contacts the other 30% or 167 contacts are in various other categories.

Now that the summer months are upon us I would like to mention the problem of child accidents. I will not attempt to provide a First Aide class on paper but I would like to deal with a common summer injury:

Broken bones: If you think your child has broken a bone such as any leg or arm bone, what do you do?

1. Bleeding: If there is bleeding, simply apply gentle pressure over the area.

2. Moving the child: Do not move the injured limb. If you know how to splint the limb, do so. If not, leave the child as he or she is until someone who knows how arrives.

3. Pain: Do not give the child anything for pain such as Tylenol or aspirin. Wait for the doctor to do this.

4. Ice: The application of one ice pack to the site of injury will reduce pain, swelling, and further tissue damage. To make sure that you do not frostbite the skin, place a towel between the ice and skin.

5. When in doubt: If you do not feel 100% sure that you can stop bleeding or move the child, contact an ambulance. The ambulance fee is far more inexpensive than a lost limb or additional injury.

If you have not had first aid training, there are many courses available. Check with your local Red Cross Chapter or Police and/or Fire Dept. If in the Shawnee area, please contact Ken Cadaret at 275-3121.

If you have any medical concerns or questions please contact me so I may answer them in the future.

Steven W. Skinner

FILING FOR BUSINESS COMMITTEE NO. 2

Personal Resume
Name: STEVEN W. SKINNER
Address: 2601 S.W. 90th
Oklahoma City, OK 73159
Telephone: (405)682-4571
ID 08163



A. PERSONAL DATA

1. Age: 36. I was born October 14, 1948.
2. Marital Status: I have been married for 20 years.
3. Children: I have 1 son.

B. EXPERIENCE RECORD

1. I have been a Business Agent for Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 344 since June 21, 1982.
2. I was a Field Technician for Carrier Machines and Systems Division from 1972 until June, 1982.

C. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

1. Graduated from Southeast High School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1966.
2. Completed a five year Apprenticeship with Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 344 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Received Completion Certificate in 1972. During this time, I took classes in Pipefitting, Welding, Refrigeration, and various other classes relevant to the Pipefitting trade.

D. MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

1. I have been a member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 344 in Oklahoma City since 1967.
2. Member of the South Lee United Methodist Church.
3. Member of the Scottish Rite Society of Oklahoma
4. Member of the Moore-Norman Area Vo-Tech Welding department
5. Treasurer of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 344 Union.
6. I was appointed to the Private Prison Industry Board by Governor George Nigh in December of 1984.

Max Wano Asks Continued Support On Committee

Dear Tribal Members:

I hope you have been reading your newspaper, the *How-Ni-Kan*. You know the progress we have made, you also know how I voted on projects, resolutions, etc. I also voted for the Absentee Balloting. I have enjoyed working with the present elected officials and I solicit your vote to keep the team that can work together for betterment of the tribe.

I ask for your support and confidence for another term. Please vote for this team: Leon Bruno, Richard Whitecotton, Max Wano.

Thank you.

Max Wano

**Keep Max Wano
Working For You**

Agency Reports:

Accounting Conversion Nearly Over

Over the last year the Tribal Accounting Staff has been in the process of converting the manual accounting system to computer. This project has not been without its own style of pitfalls.

Presently, we are in the final stages of the conversion, which includes the following operational systems: Payroll, Payables, Receivables, and General Ledger. These systems, when finally completed, will provide information on a real time basis as to income and expenditures, giving the administration the ability project future project with costs, re-establish budget structures after changes have been made, reduce the overall activity

load which is present in the accounting division now, and allow the Business Committee to make recommendations on the Tribe's businesses from a standpoint of having up-to-date information.

At this reading, we will have completed the final phases of the conversion. We have been working with both the manual accounting and computerized accounting systems in a parallel mode for these last few weeks. We will continue this process until July 1, and assuming all verifications are correct, the Computerized Accounting system will be in a stand-alone mode by July 31 of this year.

Youth Employment Program Approved

The Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) has reviewed and approved the 1985 Summer Youth Employment Program.

The Summer Youth Program will begin on June 3, 1985 and end on August 16, 1985. Those youth selected to participate on this year's program will be exposed to many areas of employment such as grounds maintenance, masonry, health occupations, clerical, accounting, warehouse work and so on. For many of the youth workers, this employment experience will be the first time

they have ever worked; so the program will be teaching those youth good work habits and job retention skills.

The Potawatomi JTPA Program will be sponsoring thirteen youth who will attend the National Youth Vocational Conference held at Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Oklahoma from July 28, 1985 through August 3, 1985. Youth selected to attend the Conference will be exposed to vocational, educational, spiritual and cultural activities in addition to making friends with other youth from Tribes located all over the United States.

Former Officials Endorse Schoemann

We endorse John Schoemann for Chairman of the C.B. of Potawatomi Indian Tribe. Each of us have worked directly with Mr. Schoemann for the benefit of our Tribe during the years we served as your election officials.

Bill Burch	Chairman, 1981-1983
	Councilman, 1979-1981
Wanita Bruno Clifford	Chairman, 1979-1980
Jim Tacker	Vice Chairman, 1979-1981
Sheila Bruno Hall	Secretary/Treasurer, 1978-1980
Thelma Wano Bateman	Secretary/Treasurer, 1982-1984
Bob Lewis	Councilman, 1981-1983
Tina Gifford	Secretary/Treasurer, 1981-1982
Mel Maritt	Vice Chairman, 1982-1983
Mary Lynn Hillemeier	Councilman, 1979-1983
	Grievance Committee, 1977-1979
Grace Burns	Councilman, 1982-1983
Priscilla Sherard	Councilman, 1978-1980
Anna Hudson	Grievance Committee, 1981-1982
A.B. Pecore	Grievance Committee, 1977-1979
Ginger Beets Hotard	Grievance Committee, 1979-1981
David Cryer	Grievance Committee, 1982-1983

PLEASE SUPPORT JOHN SCHOEMANN FOR CHAIRMAN AND ESTABLISH UNITY AND A MORE PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS.

This is a paid political announcement by the Committee to Elect John Schoemann, Potawatomi Chairman. Ed Pecore, Campaign Chairman, Route 5, Box 102, Shawnee, OK 74801. (405)275-1979 or (405)275-1445.

Thelma Wano Bateman Offers Dedication

Thelma Wano Bateman has loved her Indian Heritage so much that after working with our Potawatomi Tribe for 3½ years as a Community Health Representative, then 2 years as the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer, I would still dedicate myself in serving you as a Council person.

As for my person and character, born in 1927 in Konawa, Oklahoma. My father was Gene Wano, my grandfather, Ignatius Passo Ship-She-Wano. Our home-place was granted him in 1892 by President Benjamin Harrison, of which we still enjoy.

Al Bateman, Jr. and I have been married for 36 years and have 3 sons, 1 daughter, 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. All of our children love and respect their heritage.

I find a real joy in working with others and have done so in the community by leading our City of Konawa, where I now reside, in the Bi-Centennial Activities. I became a member of the O.E.S. in late 1975 and am finishing my 3rd year as Worthy Matron of my chapter and this year a Grand Appointment as a District Chairman.

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me last August since I didn't have the opportunity to do so at that time.

I would also give you my promise that I will never cast my vote — for taking your vote away and making you vote by Absentee ballot *only*. The first time in Tribal History that we could not vote at our tribal offices on such an important document as a Constitution.

You as Tribal members should be informed and you can always contact me:

Route 1, Box 117
Konawa, OK 74849
Phone: 405/925-2061

Won't you let me represent you as your choice for Councilman No. 1.

Sincerely,
Thelma Wano Bateman

VOTE FOR Steven C. Bruno

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER NO. 3

Steven C. Bruno, son of Isaac "Ike" Bruno, solicits your vote for this position. He is qualified for the position by having supervisory experience, decision-making ability, ability to distinguish between fact and opinion, running his own business for 8 years, and the ability to listen to others and build good rapport with them.

An honest, fair-minded individual who is willing to devote needed time to tribal affairs, Steve challenges others to become involved in and demand tribal honesty.

A family man with 3 children and 36 years of age, he challenges all tribal members to devote time and attention to helping the tribe develop appropriate tribal goals and programs — goals and programs which will be beneficial to all and each tribal member.

Vote For Steven C. Bruno

PAID FOR BY TRIBAL MEMBERS